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PEPTIDE NUCLEIC ACID PROBES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on July 1, 2002, Applicants submit this Amendment and Response. Enclosed is a petition and appropriate fee for a three month extension of time for response up to and including January 2, 2003 (because January 1, 2003, is a federal holiday, a response can be filed on January 2, 2003).

Due to the extended prosecution history of this application, Applicants have cancelled without prejudice all pending claims and reintroduced new claims to simplify the issues for the Patent Office. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 135-145 will be pending for examination.

AMENDMENT

To the Title

Please amend the title of the application to read as follows. (A marked-up version of the amended title is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.)

Methods for Hybridization Analysis Using Peptide Nucleic Acid Probes

To the Claims

Please cancel without prejudice claims 57-62, 64-71, 75-82, 96-98, 100-106, 110, 112, 113, 115, 117-122, 127, 128, and 130-133.